

Name: Sedgefield, 26919 Rigby Lott Road

Construction Date: early-mid nineteenth century

Town/Vicinity: Kirkham vicinity

County: Talbot

Access: Private

Summary Description:

Sedgefield is situated on a rise adjacent to Maxmore Creek, and west of Rigby Lott.

Originally, Sedgefield was created as a playhouse, or guest house, for the Rigby Lott estate.

The building is a two-story, lateral gable structure, linear in plan with a two-story pedimented porch and entrance wing. The historic core of the house is three bays wide with fireplaces at the east and west ends. There are two, one-story additions to the east, and a two-story wing and sunroom to the west. An entry wing and porch extend from the north side of the house.

The building has also been extended in the rear by a one-story, flat roofed wing. A bathroom wing was recently added to the east end of the house. A boathouse is located on the creek, and an in-ground swimming pool is located behind the house.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-1130

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Sedgefield

and/or common Sedgefield

2. Location

street & number 26919 Rigby Lott Road ☐ not for publication

city, town near Kirham ☒ vicinity of congressional district Two

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name E. Edward and Martha G. Kavanaugh

street & number 4915 Jamestown Road telephone no.:

city, town Bethesda state and zip code MD 20816-2726

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 671

street & number Washington Street folio 239

city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

Sedgefield is located at the end of a gravel drive that extends north from Rigby Lott Road. The building is sited on a rise adjacent to Maxmore Creek. The building is a two-story, lateral gable, wood frame structure that is linear in plan with a two-story pedimented porch and entrance wing. According to the owner, Martha Kavanaugh, this building originated as a playhouse or guesthouse for the "Rigby Lott" estate, which was located approximately one-half mile to the east, but has since been demolished and replaced by a modern residence.¹ The historic core of the house is three bays wide, and there are two, one-story wings to the east and a two-story wing and sunroom to the west. The primary facade contains a perpendicular entry wing and porch, and interior end chimneys. The porch shelters an entryway and small window, and is supported by six Doric columns. The porch and columns are modern additions to the house. The building has also been extended in the rear by a one-story, flat roofed wing that spans the length of the main block of the house. The southern elevation of the rear wing contains a series of floor to ceiling windows and a central bay window. A balustrade accents the cornice line, and two Doric columns flank the bay window. A small bathroom wing on the eastern end of the house was constructed in 1988. The entire building has been reclad with pressboard clapboards. According to Mrs. Kavanaugh, architect Mark McIntorff has guided the recent renovation efforts. Modern landscaping, including a circular drive, brick patio and pool have been installed on the grounds.

There is a modern, one-story shed roofed garage north of the main house and an open timber boat shelter adjacent to the creek.

¹ Rob Yallop, personal communication with Martha Kavanaugh. August 5, 1998. 26919 Rigby Lott Road, Kirkham vicinity, Talbot County, Maryland.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____ unknown _____

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
 Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Although portions of this building were constructed in the early to mid-nineteenth century, the property possesses a number of alterations and intrusions which have compromised its historic character. Originally a small playhouse or guesthouse, the building has been expanded and embellished to accommodate modern needs and stylistic influence. The early construction date places it in the Agricultural-Industrial Transition period (1815-1870) under the theme of domestic plantation architecture. Due to the extensive changes to the original form and materials, the building no longer retains its integrity of design, setting, workmanship, feeling or association and therefore is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended ☒ X
 Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None
 Comments: _____

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, NR program

Date

9. Major Bibliographical Reference

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2.97 acres

Quadrangle name Oxford, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			
E			
G			

B	Zone	Easting	Northing
D			
F			
H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Talbot County, MD tax map 41, grid 4, parcel 16.

The boundary encompasses the parcel currently owned by Edward and Martha Kavanaugh.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Rob Yallop, Architectural Historian

organization New South Associates

date August 1998

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telephone 770-498-4155

city or town Stone Mountain

state GA 30083

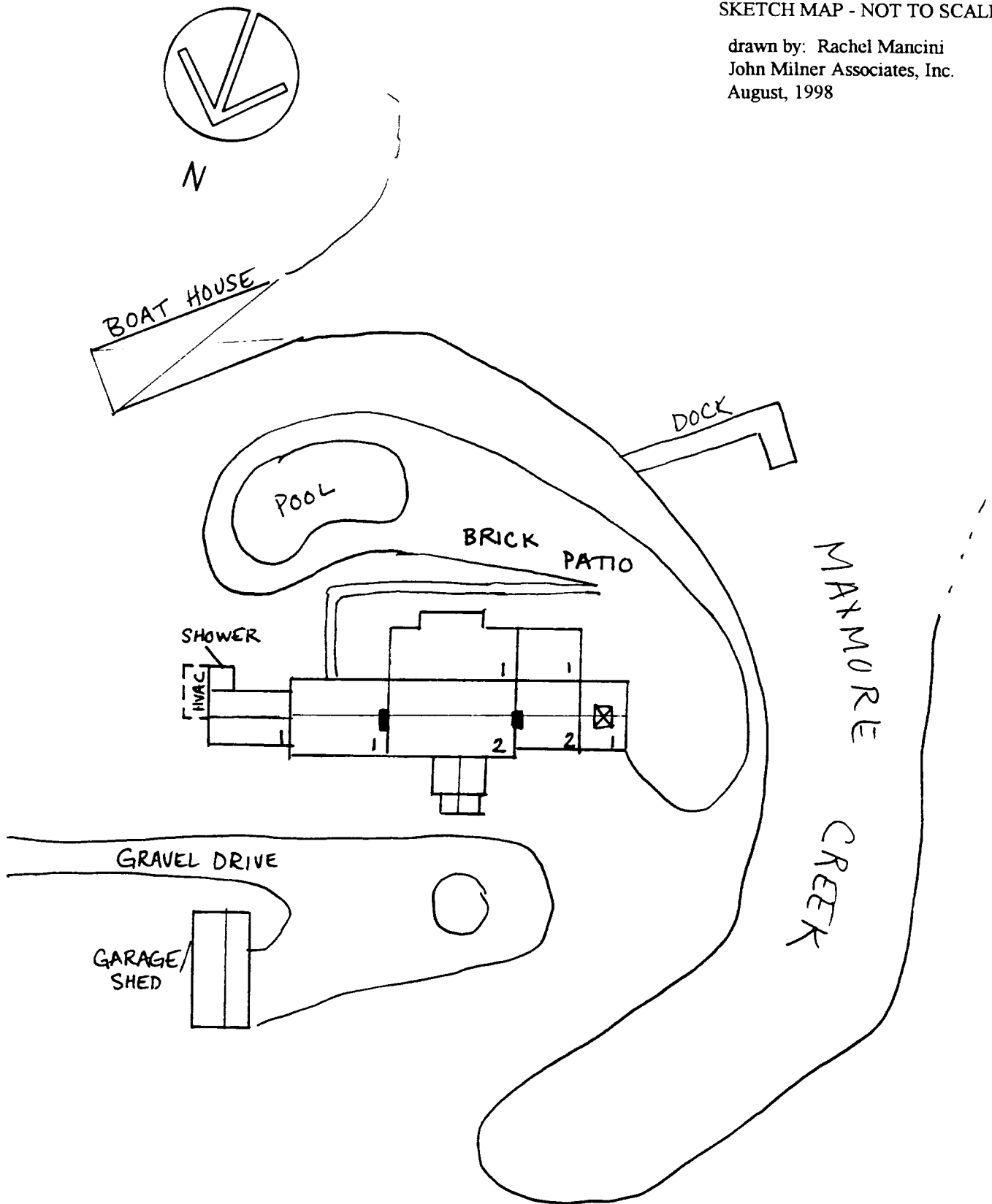
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26919 Rigby Lott Road
Easton Vicinity, MD
SKETCH MAP - NOT TO SCALE

drawn by: Rachel Mancini
John Milner Associates, Inc.
August, 1998



Continuation Sheet

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HISTORIC CONTEXT

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Development Period(s): Agricultural-Industrial Transition Period A.D. 1815-1870

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

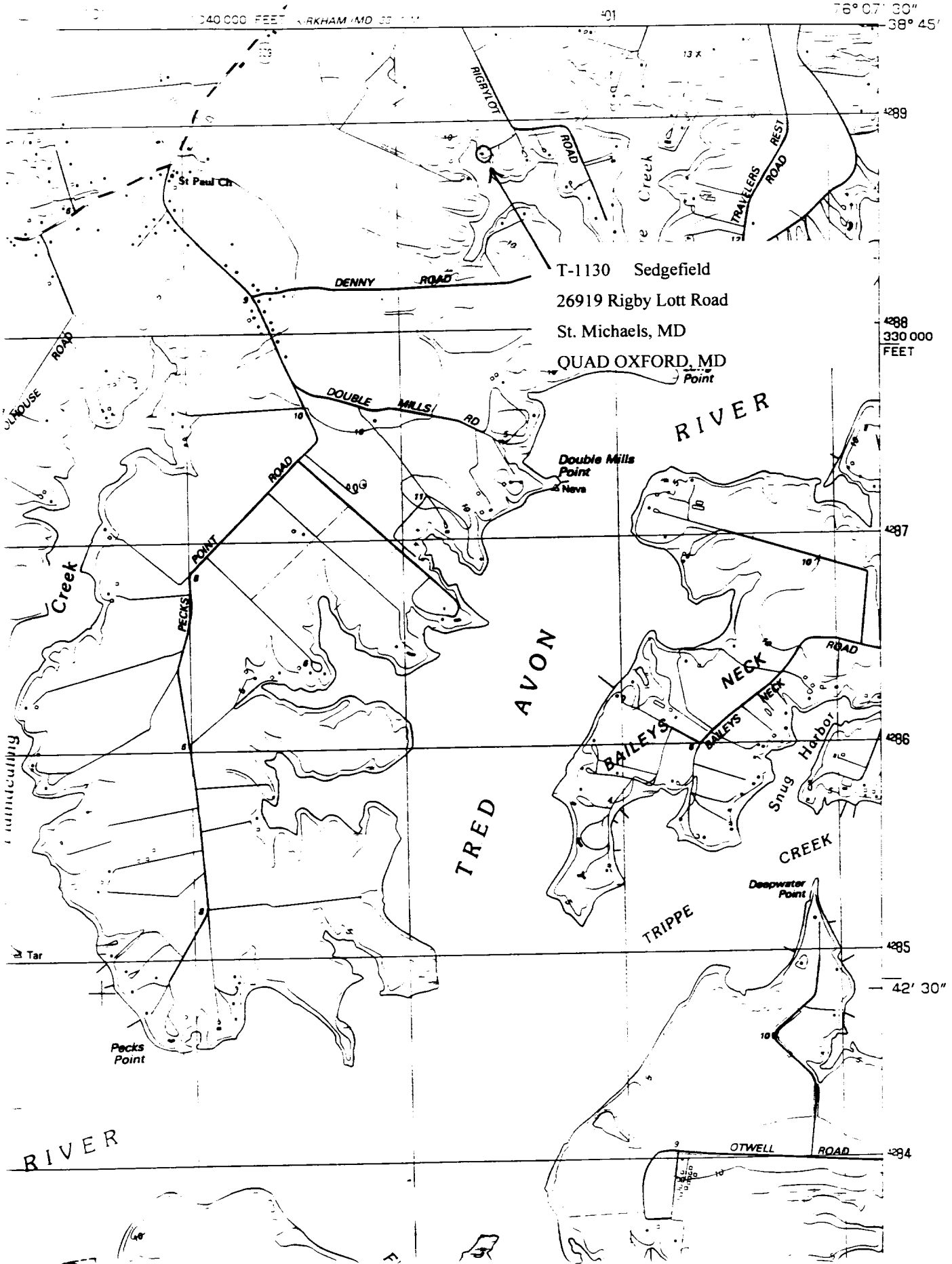
Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Known Design Source: none

OXFORD QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

57° 11' SE
(EASTON)





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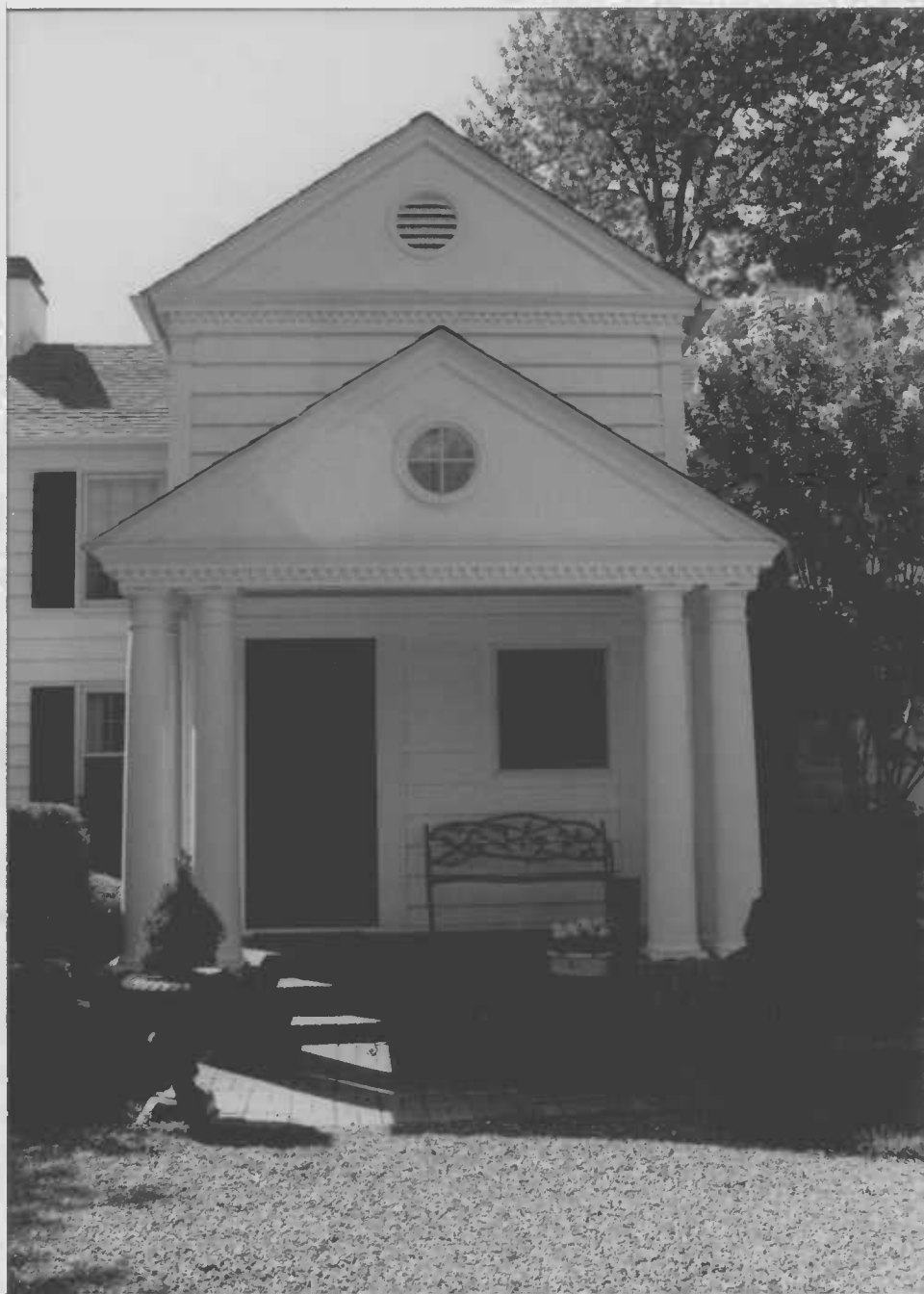
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Main house, North elevation-front

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Main house, closeup of entryway, looking S
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Main house, west elevation

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Main house, South elevation

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Main house, east elevation

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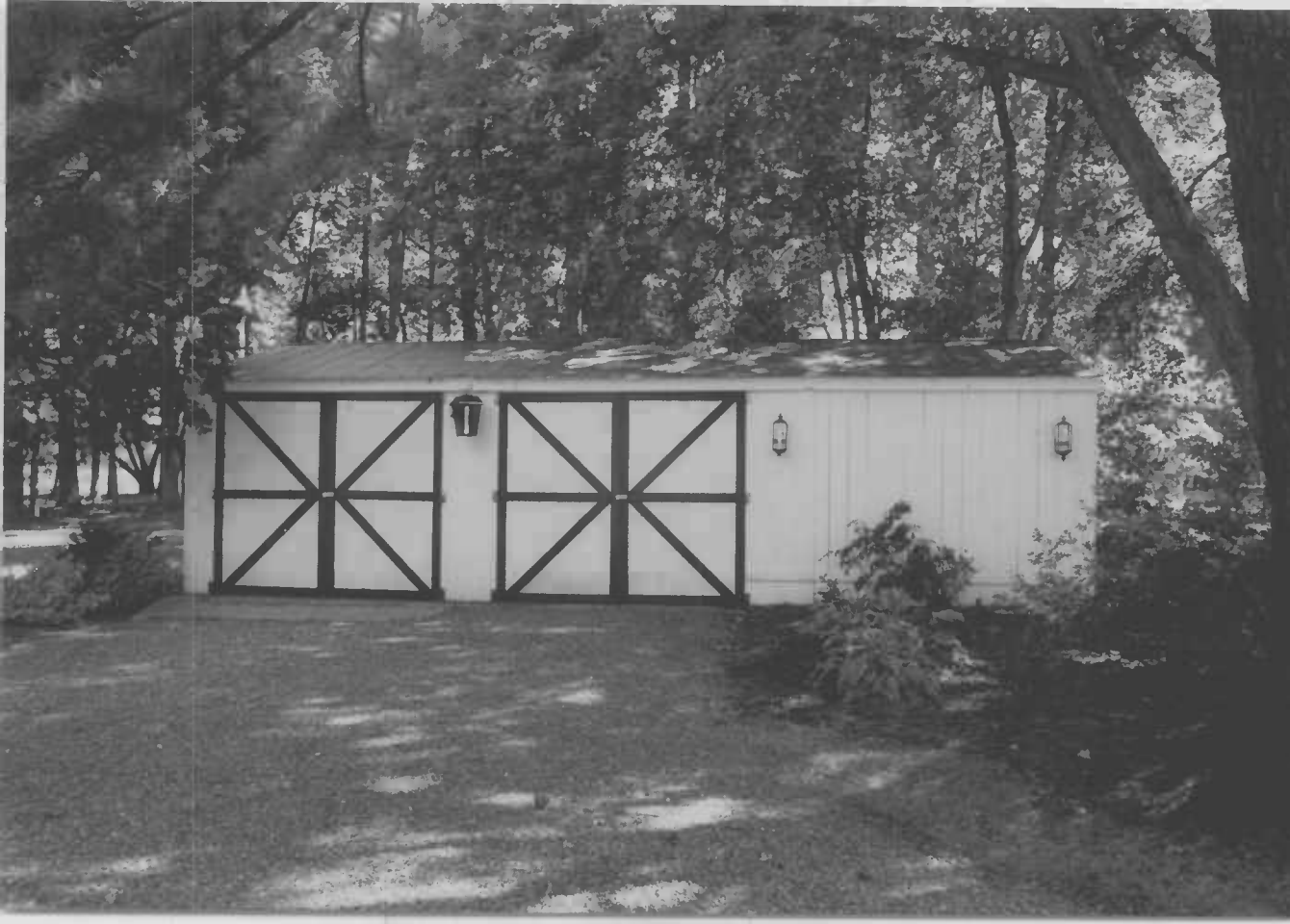
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Boathouse, looking SE

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Outbuilding, garage, looking E

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Outbuilding, garage, looking NW

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